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Date: January 12, 2007Print: Robert H. HermalSign: [Signature]**AMENDMENT**

In response to the Office Action mailed July 13, 2006, Applicants hereby request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks. Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136, Applicants petition that the period for response be extended to January 13, 2007.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 4.